

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 1-34 are rejected.

Claims 1, 18, 25, 31, and 33 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-30 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,625,682 B1.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 18, and 25. Claims 2-17, 19-24, and 26-30 depend from respective claims 1, 18, and 25.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that double patenting rejection of claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-30 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,625,682 B1 have been overcome.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 33 to depend from claim 31.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 31, 32 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,493,190 to Coon ("Coon"). Applicant reserves the right to swear behind the reference.

Applicants have amended claim 31 to include a second device to receive the symbol through a balanced electromagnetic coupler that includes a second conductive trace that is parallel to the first conductive trace, wherein the second conductive trace has a second width that is different from the first width of the first conductive trace.

Coon discloses a disk drive suspension that has a flexure. The flexure has copper traces (Figure 1, col. 6, lines 63-col. 7, line 3). In particular, Coon discloses that traces form a circuit (col. 7, lines 3-13), in contrast to an electromagnetic coupler that includes a second conductive trace, as recited in amended claim 31. As such, Coon fails to disclose the limitations of amended claim 1 of a second device to receive the symbol through a balanced electromagnetic coupler including a second conductive trace that is parallel to the first conductive trace, wherein the second conductive trace has a second width that is different from the first width of the first conductive trace.

Because Coon fails to disclose all limitations of amended claim 31, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 31 is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by Coon.

Given that claims 32-34 depend from amended claim 31 and add additional limitations, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 32-34 are likewise not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by Coon.


It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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